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Remarks

In the Office Action dated March 1, 2006, restriction to one invention is required. Applicant would like to elect Invention I (Claims 1-12 and 17-22) without traverse.

Further, election of a single species is required for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. As stated in the Office Action, the application contains claims directed toward the following patentably distinct species: Figures 1 and 2, with the connecting member of either Figures 1A or 1B and the anchorage member of either Figures 1 or 11. Applicant would like to elect the species of Figure 2, the connecting member of Figure 1B, and the anchorage member of Figure 11. Claims 5, 11, and 21 are readable on the elected species of Figure 1B, and claim 7 is readable on the elected species of Figure 11. Applicant respectively submits that claims 1-4, 9, 10, and 17-20 are generic.

In addition, the formal drawings filed on July 13, 2004 included a typo. Figure 11B should have been labeled Figure 11 as originally filed with the application. A replacement drawing sheet will be submitted to correct this error in a separate communication.

Favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. The Examiner is welcome to contact the under-signed representative for the Applicant should the Examiner have any questions or should the Examiner like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully submitted,

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